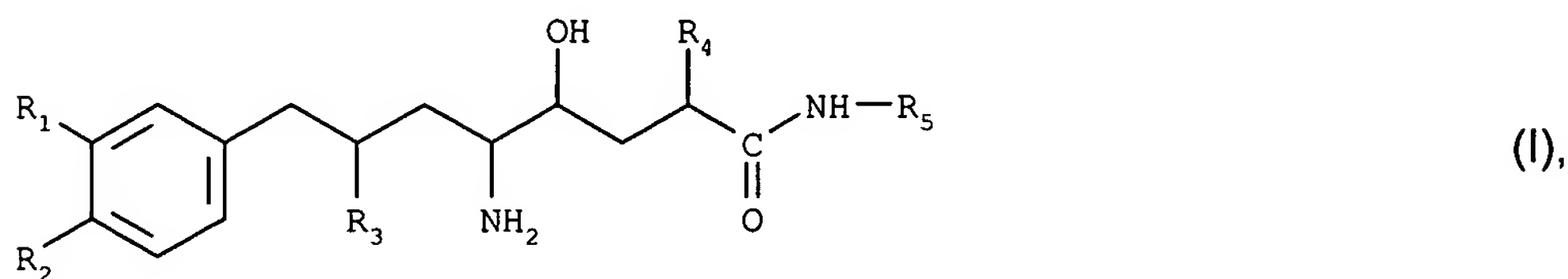


Amendments to the Claims

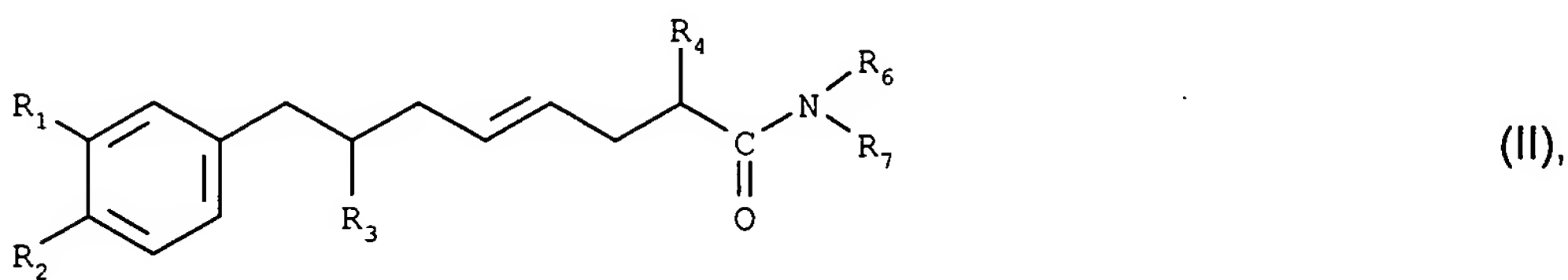
1. (Currently amended) Process for preparation of compounds of formula I,



wherein

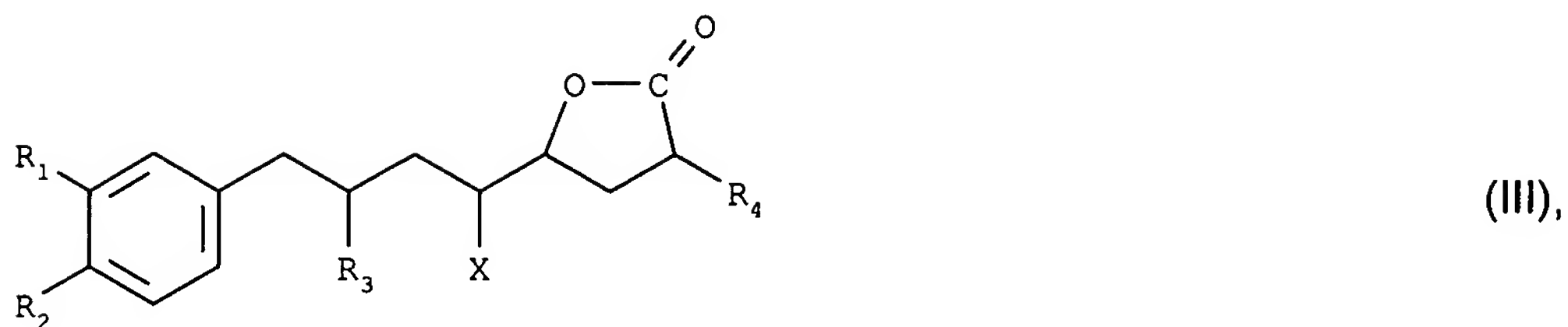
R₁ and R₂ are independently of one another H, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆halogenalkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, C₁-C₆alkoxy-C₁-C₆alkyl, or C₁-C₆alkoxy-C₁-C₆alkyloxy, R₃ is C₁-C₆alkyl, R₄ is C₁-C₆alkyl, and R₅ is C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆hydroxyalkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆alkanoyloxy-C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆aminoalkyl, C₁-C₆alkylamino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-dialkylamino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkanoylamido-C₁-C₆-alkyl, HO(O)C-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆alkyl-O-(O)C-C₁-C₆alkyl, H₂N-C(O)-C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkyl-HN-C(O)-C₁-C₆alkyl or (C₁-C₆alkyl)₂N-C(O)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, comprising

a) the reaction of a compound of formula II



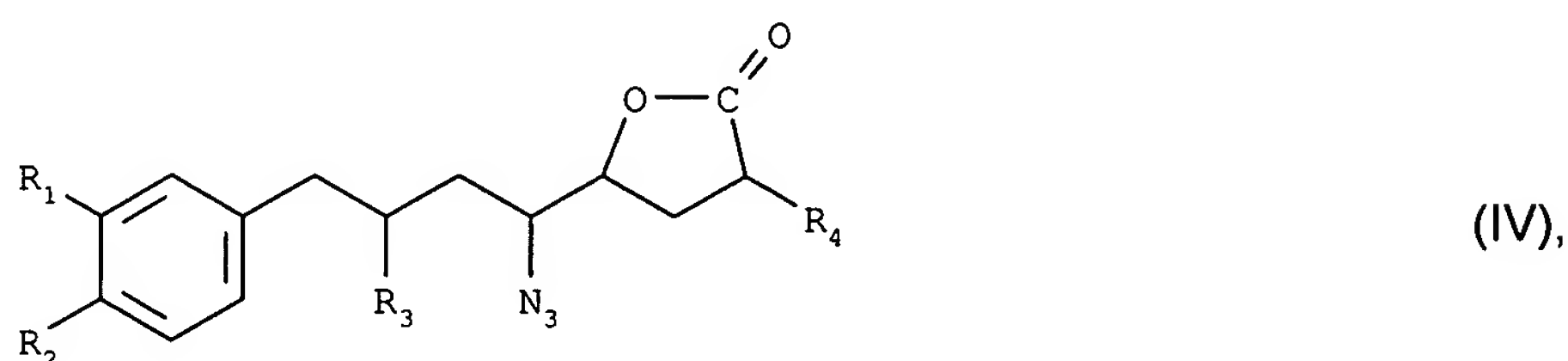
wherein

R₆ is C₁-C₆alkyl, R₇ is C₁-C₆alkyl or C₁-C₆alkoxy, or R₆ and R₇ together are tetramethylene, pentamethylene, 3-oxa-1,5-pentylene or -CH₂CH₂O-C(O)- optionally substituted with C₁-C₄alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, with a halogenation agent in the presence of water, and if optionally, an acid to form a compound of formula III,

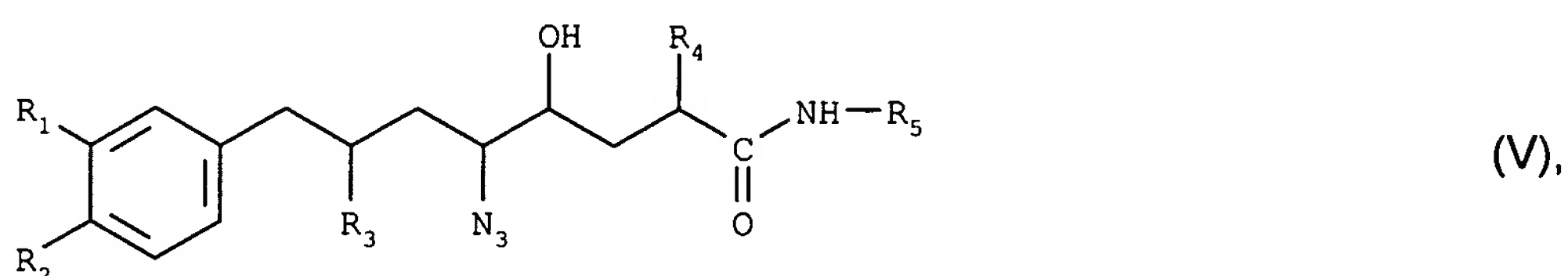


wherein X is Cl, Br or I,

b) reaction of the compound of formula III with an azidation agent to form a compound of formula IV,



c) thereafter reaction of the compound of formula IV with an amine of formula R_5-NH_2 to form a compound of formula V,



and

d) for preparation of a compound of formula I, reduction of the azide group of the compound of formula V to form the amine group and then isolation of the compounds of formula I, optionally with the addition of a salt-forming acid.

2. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_4 alkoxy or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 alkyloxy, R_2 is C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, R_3 is C_1 - C_4 alkyl, R_4 is C_1 -

C₄alkyl and R₅ is H₂NC(O)-C₁-C₆alkyl which optionally is N-monosubstituted or N-di-C₁-C₄alkyl substituted.

3. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 2 wherein R₁ is 1-methoxyprop-3-yloxy and R₂ is methoxy.

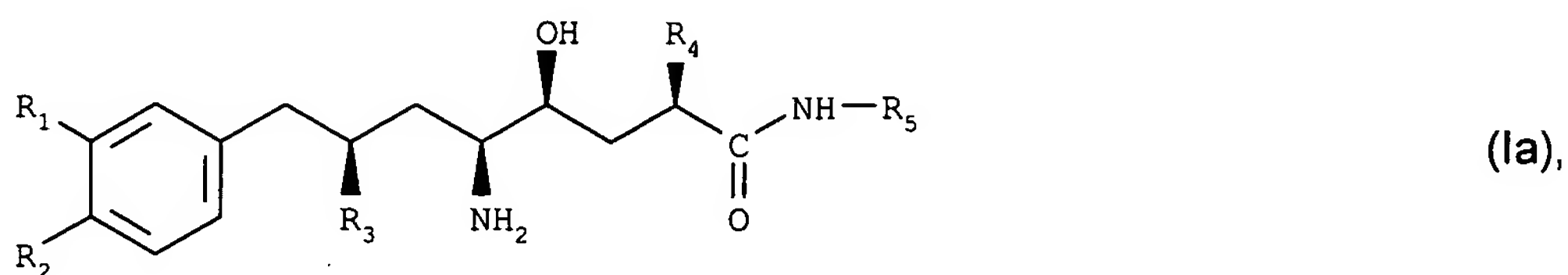
4. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 2 wherein R₃ and R₄ are in each case isopropyl.

5. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 2 wherein R₅ is H₂NC(O)-C₁-C₆alkyl.

6. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is methoxy-C₂-C₄alkyloxy, R₂ is methoxy or ethoxy, R₃ is C₂-C₄alkyl, R₄ is C₂-C₄alkyl and R₅ is H₂NC(O)-C₁-C₆alkyl.

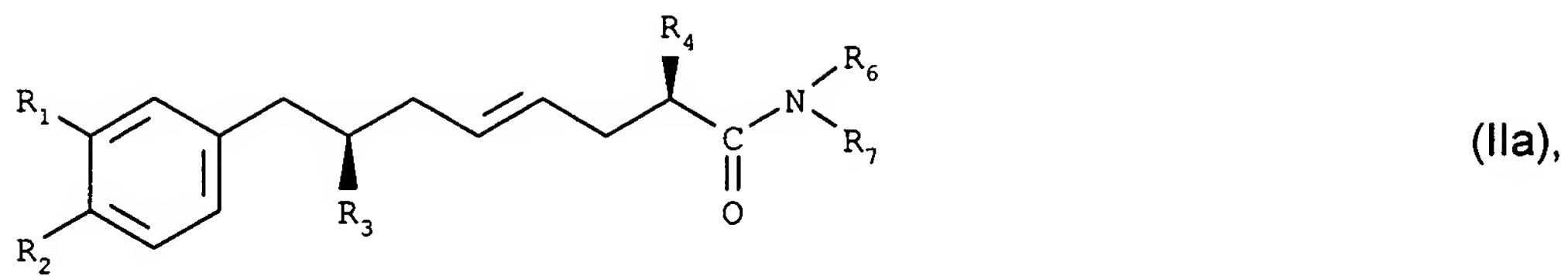
7. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is 3-methoxyprop-3-yloxy, R₂ is methoxy, R₃ and R₄ are 1-methyleth-1-yl, and R₅ is H₂NC(O)-[C(CH₃)₂]-CH₂-.

8. (Previously presented) A process according to any one of claims 1 to 7 comprising the preparation of diastereomers of formula Ia

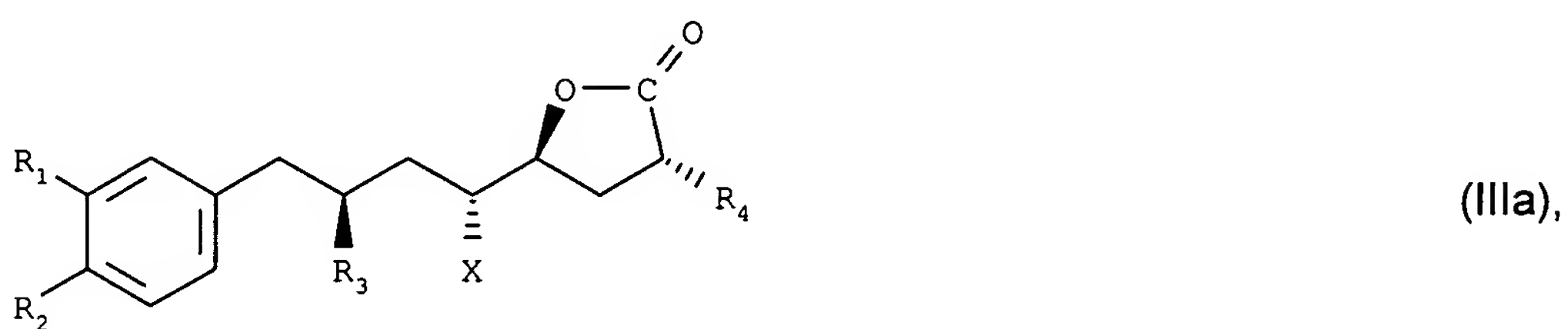


by

a) the reaction of a compound of formula IIa

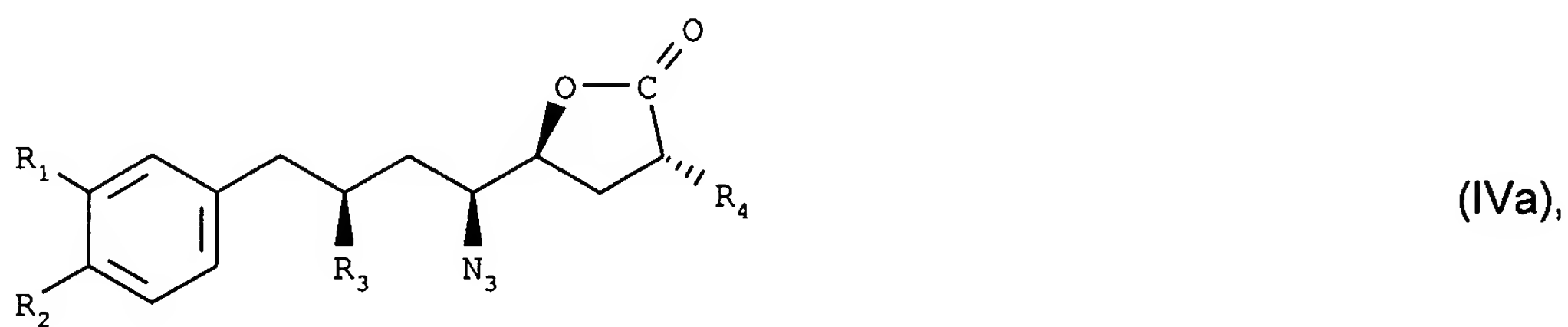


with a halogenation agent in the presence of water and optionally an acid to form a compound of formula IIIa,

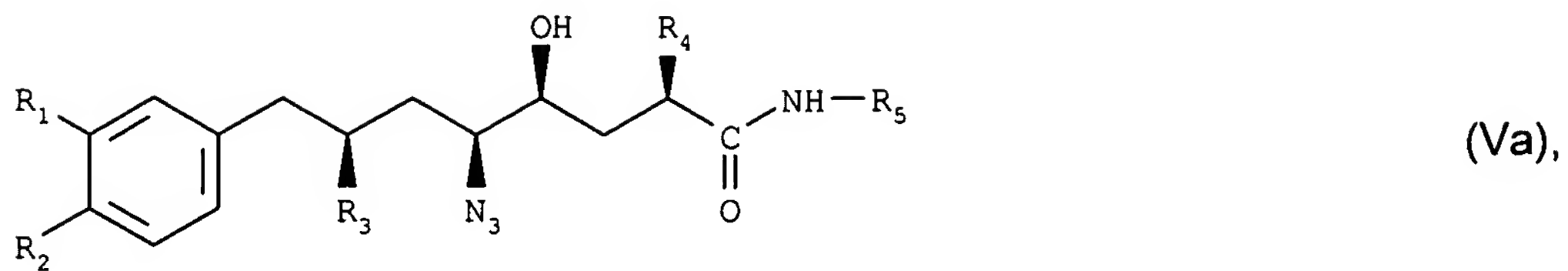


wherein X is Cl, Br or I,

b) reaction of the compound of formula IIIa with an azidation agent to form a compound of formula IVa,



c) then reaction of the compound of formula IVa with an amine of formula R_5-NH_2 to form a compound of formula Va,



and

d) for preparation of a compound of formula I, reduction of the azide group of the compound of formula Va to form the amine group and then isolation of the compounds of formula Ia, optionally with the addition of a salt-forming acid.

9. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 8, wherein R_1 is $\text{CH}_3\text{O}-$ $(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-O}-$, R_2 is $\text{CH}_3\text{O}-$, R_3 and R_4 are in each case 1-methylethyl, and R_5 is $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{CCH}_3)_2-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{NH}_2$.

10-18. (Cancel)